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MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Director

FROM : Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates

SUBJECT : SUNSHINE PROJECT

1. It is recommended that the SUNSHINE PROJECT be terminated as of the end of this fiscal year. The reasons for this recommendation are:

a. The primary purpose of the project from the ORE point of view was to make a survey of the materials in the Hoover Library which might be useful in the preparation of intelligence studies. In particular, the project was assigned the specific mission of uncovering documentary evidence of Soviet divergence from announced Marxist doctrine. This evidence would be especially valuable to personnel engaged in psychological warfare. ORE has turned over the Office of Special Procedures of the Department of State, in card form and arranged for ready reference, an index of this type of material gathered from the Hoover Library.

b. Full exploitation of the collections in the Hoover Library has by no means been accomplished, but the project is approaching the stage of diminishing returns since new material is available locally.

c. The personnel engaged on the project have acquired specialized training and knowledge which can now be more advantageously used in ORE in Washington.

d. A minor reason is that a former civilian employee of ID, GSUSA, whose wife is a Soviet citizen and has been declared a Soviet agent by the FBI, has been awarded a fellowship at Palo Alto. In view of this fact it is possible that the security of the project might be questioned and that this might result in embarrassment to CIA.

2. In case of favorable action on the recommendation in paragraph 1 above, it is further recommended that the personnel of the SUNSHINE PROJECT be transferred to Washington for duty in ORE. It is hoped that CIA will offer all possible inducements to effect this transfer. This recommendation was concurred in by [redacted] before his departure 50X1 and is concurred in by the Chief, FE/P Branch, insofar as his area is concerned.

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